SUBJECT No. 179.

Free licenses for the removal of wood from private lands.

Messrs. Sabju Sab and Timma Setty of Mudgere Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The rule which requires that free licenses should be obtained for removing wood cut from occupied lands causes delay and hardship. It is therefore requested that the rule may be abolished.

*Note.*—At the meeting it was represented that stamp was levied on such applications.

*Reply of Government.*—No stamp is necessary on such applications, and it must be discontinued if levied in Mudgere Taluk.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Shanbhogs and patels to be empowered to issue free licenses for fuel.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of T.-Narsipur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The present system of obtaining *Maphi* licenses for cart-loads of fuel from Amildars causes much inconvenience to raiyats. It is prayed that shanbhogs and patels of villages may be empowered to issue such licenses.

*Reply of Government.*—The Conservator of Forests says that printed copies have been distributed to Amildars. He will however be asked to ascertain and submit a special report in communication with the District Officers as to whether the Amildars have distributed them among the village officials and whether the latter are issuing them.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Constitution of Village Forests.

(1) Mr. T. Narasimha Iyengar, Member, Kadur District Board.
(2) Mr. Devappa, Shikarpur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) It is requested that Village Forests may be constituted for the benefit of the people.

(2) The raiyats of villages which have no jungles may have jungles allotted to them.

*Reply of Government.*—Rule 9 of Notification No. 245, dated 2nd October 1901, is sufficiently clear and requires no alteration.

For the grant of waste lands for planting trees the existing rules as lately revised are clear and sufficient.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Prohibiting the practice of cutting unreserved trees in district jungles for trade.

Mr. Suryanaranappa, Arkalgud Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Forest Department, by itself or through agents, is cutting and disposing of by sale unreserved trees in the District Forests which are assigned by Government for fuel and Agricultural implements. These small jungles will be denuded of the unreserved trees rendering it a source of hardship to the raiyats. Orders may therefore be passed prohibiting the cutting and sale of such trees.

*Reply of Government.*—The Deputy Commissioner's attention will be called to the desirability of preserving such forests. Felling of trees in gomals is improper.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Revision of Sandal Rules.

Mr. M. Anantharajaiya, City Municipality, Mysore.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Sandal Rules may be so revised as to remove the hardship to private holders without any detriment to the State revenue.

*Reply of Government.*—The present rules cannot be modified. After very careful consideration it has recently

been decided that the present practice should remain undisturbed.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Grant of a share of the Sandal tree revenue to the holders of lands on which such trees stand.

Mr. Balavanta Rao, Arsikere Taluk.
Mr. Yagaiyana Subba Rao, Sagar Taluk.
Mr. Linge Gowda of the Mysore Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—In reply to the representation made last year for allowing, as a sort of encouragement to the occupants of lands for planting and conserving Sandal trees thereon, a share in the revenues derived from such trees, Government were pleased to reply that the idea was not to create any such interest. While it is so, if it be the intention of Government to insist upon the responsibility of the occupants for the preservation of Sandal trees in their holdings, there is no help for the poor raiyats. It is solicited that the question may be duly considered and final orders passed as promised.

*Reply of Government.*—*Vide* Subject No. 183.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Khatedars not to be made responsible for the destruction of or injury to the Sandal trees on their holdings.

Mr. Range Gowda, Arsikere Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Khatedars may be relieved of the responsibility of the preservation of Sandal trees growing on their lands. It is not possible for holders of Hulgaval lands to frequently inspect them nor is it proper to expect occupants of lands to account for the injury done to trees by others during their absence. Persons actually injuring the trees may be detected and punished, the value of the trees being also recovered from them.

*Reply of Government.*—*Vide* Subject No. 183.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Recovery of the value of damaged Sandal trees.

Mr. Linge Gowda, Patel and Landholder, Mysore Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The value of Sandal trees standing in the holdings of raiyats, which are stunted in growth or damaged by insects and worms, is recovered from the holders thereof by the Forest Department through the Revenue Department after getting up a Mahazar to the effect that such trees have been cut down by the holder. Instances of such recovery are many in the Mysore District. It is requested therefore that a detailed list of Sandal trees standing in the holdings of raiyats be ordered to be made out by the Forest Department, the village shanbhog and the patel, and that one copy be retained with the shanbhog and the other with the Forest Department, and the value of such damaged trees be ordered to be recovered from the holder of the land in case he fails to show the cause for such damage.

*Reply of Government.*—There is a direction already to mention the number of trees in the Pahani. More cannot be done. The Deputy Commissioners will enforce the rule.

SUBJECT No. 187.

Removal of certain trees from the list of reserved trees.

(1) Messrs. Sahukar Nagappa and Manjaiya Uduparu, Nagar Taluk.
(2) Mr. Kigga Chennakesava Rao of Koppa Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) In the Malnad, Bogi logs are generally used for house-building purposes by the raiyats. As these are classified under reserved trees, it is a great hardship to them. It is therefore requested that this wood may be allowed to be given according to Raiyats' Privilege Rules.